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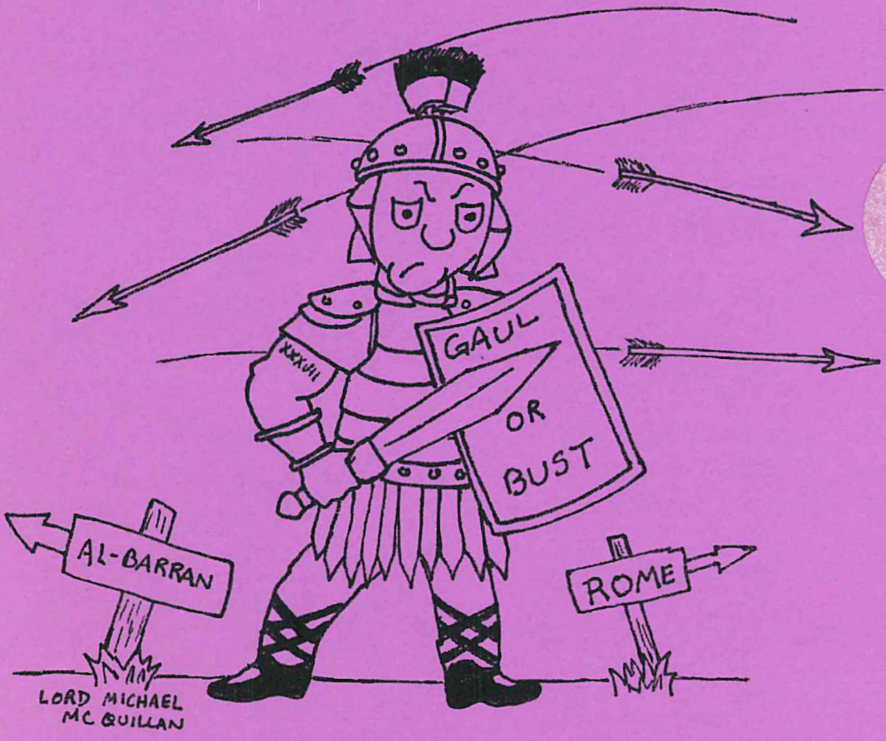


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Sir Cathyn

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Duke Kynan

**Lady of May**
Aedhagan

**Outlandish Blade**
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Syr Darius

**Flower of Chivalry**
Lord Arslan

**Rapier Flower of Chivalry**
Lord Santiago

**Champion Archer of al-Barran**
Uasal OEngus

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**Bard of al-Barran**
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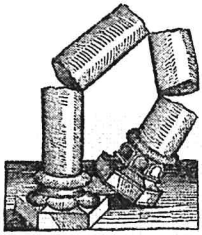


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| SEPTEMBER | |
| 14-15 | OUTLANDS CROWN TOURNAMENT** *Hinterlands* |
| 21-23 | CHAMPIONS OF AL-BARRAN** |
| 27-29 | ROLLING THUNDER DRUM TOURNEY/25TH BIRTHDAY** |
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| 5 | FIESTA DE CABALLOS** |
| 12-13 | KINGDOM A&S *Duthaich Beinne Aird* |
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| 16 | MASKED BALL** |
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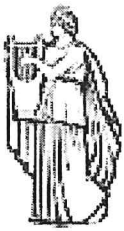


** *Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*

# From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the hardworking and generous populace of al-Barran do Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness, sending greetings

August was a fantastic month! We truly enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the Shire of Fontaine dans Sable. Camping on the lush lawn was a treat. The company was gracious and kind. The feast was truly exquisite. The fighting was entertaining and fun. We cannot wait to return to visit our friends for the Farmington Renaissance Faire this October!

Pack Games hosted by the College of Blaiddwyn was really fun! There were over thirty entrants in the Bocce tournament. Aedhagan, our Lady of May, won the prize of admission for two to al-Barran Midwinter. Congratulations Aedhagan! M'Lord Adimar and M'Lady Nika really gave her a tough challenge. The improvisational acting competition was like none we have ever seen... "Team Floosie" pulled of the performance of a lifetime with their final challenge of changing the style of their performance from Shakespearean to Greek Tragedy to Slapstick to Kabuki as each minute passed. It was a spectacle all who witnessed enjoyed. Good job!

This month we hope that all will join us for our Baronial Champions weekend on 21st through the 23rd. The event is free and there will be a sumptuous feast Saturday night. Come demonstrate your wit and skill as you compete for one of the honored positions of the Baronial Court. You must be a member with a current Baronial Shaft subscription to compete.

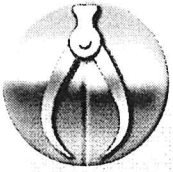
The following weekend, September 27th through the 29th, the barony will host the Rolling Thunder Drum Tourney. This event will have no quiet time as we expect the drums to play throughout the night and into the morning. We look forward to the hours and hours of fighting, dancing, and merry making!

War practice has commenced. Regional commanders have been selected. Now is the time to train. Practice begins at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday at the park. Get your gear on and let's get to it!

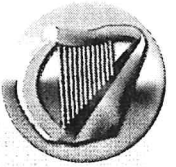
*Trevor* *Fermina*

*Separated lovers cheat absence by a thousand fancies which have their own reality. They are prevented from seeing one another and they cannot write; nevertheless they find countless mysterious ways of corresponding, by sending each other the song of birds, the scent of flowers, the laughter of children, the light of the sun, the sighing of the wind, and the gleam of the stars -all the beauties of creation.—Homer*

# From the Minister of the Arts & Sciences



Greetings Good Gentles,



May you find time to do the things you enjoy!

Most recently, we did a demo at Wild Oats. We had a wonderful A&S display which included felting by Lady Skia, Calligraphy by Mistress Monika, Drop-spinning, etc. by myself, and a static display by Gammer Gurton's Needle. This demo brought new meaning to the word Anachronism: "There will be a felting demonstration in ten minutes in the aisle next to the produce section!"

**Repeat from last month**: Baroness Fermina has asked me to request that anyone talented or interested in one of the Estrella War A&S Categories, write something related for publication in an upcoming Shaft.

The A&S categories for the next Estrella War are:
**Heraldic Display** is defined as any historically documented object suitable for period display of heraldic arms. Arms must be passed by the College of Heralds.
**Functional Period Accessories (non-jewelry)** is defined as any functional accessory item i.e., hats, belts, pouches, shoes, etc., that one would wear that is appropriate to the period of SCA interest.
**Period Clothing Construction** is defined as any single garment, excluding accessories, that is constructed using period techniques, materials, patterns and design.

Please feel free to contact me with A&S questions, requests, or concerns. My E-mail address and phone number is inside the front cover of the Shaft.

In Service,
*Lady Leonore of Black Diamond*

# From the Hospitaller

GOT DEMO???
*Lady Bronwen Blackwell*

# From the Mistress of the Lists

Greetings unto the populace, I recently ran the list for Lonely Mountain and Fontaine dans Sable Defender and here are the results for those tourneys where I ran the list.

Lonely Mountain
Rapier Defender Tourney had 30 entrants and the winner is Lord Santiago. Rapier non-defender Tourney had 18 entrants and the winner is Lord Elijah. Captain of the Stag's Blood Tourney had 22 entrants and the winner is Sir Jax.

Heavy Defender Tourney had 14 defender entrants and 24 non-defender entrants and the winner is Sir Jax.

Fontaine dans Sable Defender
In the Three man chest tourney there were four team and the winner was Team Estavan.
Fontaine light defender Tourney winner was Estavan.

In Service,
*Lady Danica*

## From the Chronicler

Greetings onto the Populace,

If you want to know the future dates for Equestrian Practice just take a look on page 18 or 19, especially helpful for those wishing to partake at Fiesta de Caballos on October 6th.

This month's cover art is from Lord Michael McQuillan. Thank you Lord Michael McQuillan for the newest Pony World cartoon.

Please join me in welcoming THL Pendar the Bard as al-Barran's webminister. As you may have already noticed there is a new look to the al-barran website.

I am running a Cover Art Contest for the February 2003 issue. Why that issue you may ask? Why Estrella War of course. All contest information is located on page 8. Please all budding artists, seasoned artists and anybody with a drop of Talent check out the article and submit a cover for this contest. The deadline is January 1, 2003 but if you wish to submit cover art earlier than January for the contest you may do so.

In Service,
*Lady Kathws*

### Quotes & proverbs in this issue from:

The Aeneid of Virgil: http://classics.mit.edu/Virgil/aeneid.1.i.html
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### Web Sites

Al-Barran's website: http://www.al-barran.org Outlands' website: http://www.outlands.org
Blaiddwyn's website: http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html SCA's website: http://www.sca.org

### Back Cover Quote Translation

*Though you drive Nature out with a pitchfork, she will still find her way back.*

# Baronial Shaft Cover Art Contest

The Contest: A piece of artwork suitable for use on the front cover of the *Baronial Shaft* for the February 2003 issue. This is the Estrella War issue and I want an extra special piece of artwork for the cover.
The Theme: Any or all aspects of Estrella War, be it the battles, the dancing, the arts and sciences, the archery, the music, or some other aspect.
The Deadline: December 1st, 2002, winning cover will be chosen by December 27th, 2002 and the winner's information will be printed in the January 2003 *Baronial Shaft*.
The First Prize: One year's subscription to the *Baronial Shaft* for the winning artist.
The Secondary Prizes: All artwork submitted will be used for cover art in the future and the artists will receive a complimentary issue of the *Baronial Shaft* for the month their cover art is used.

If you have any questions please contact me at 896-1156 or by email at chronicler@al-barran.org

Please submit all artwork with your name and contact information for the contest by December 1, 2002 to:
Baronial Shaft–Cover Art Contest
P.O. Box 27676
Albuquerque, NM 87125

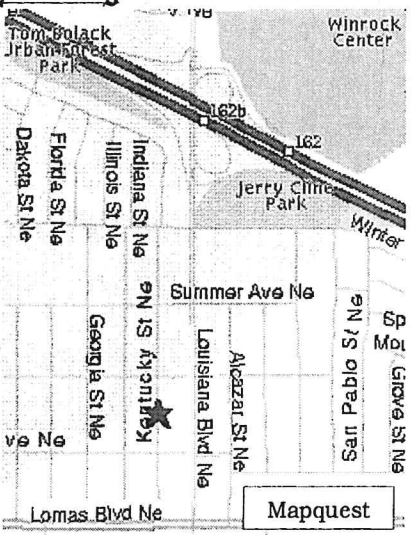
*The day, water, sun, moon, night - I do not have to purchase these things with money.—Plautus*

# Chivalry Meeting

His Excellency, Sir Trevor, the Baron of al-Barran with the gracious permission of His Majesty King Bela, invites all Knights and Masters of Arms to an informal gathering of the Order of Chivalry. The meeting will take place at the home of Sir Artan macAilin, October 6th from 4:00pm until 8:00pm.

Artan's address is 1304 Kentucky St. NE and his phone number is (505) 256- 4568. Please see map to the side or call for directions.

Map to Artan's house on to the right, provided by Mapquest.




*Strange - is it not? - that of the myriads who Before us passed the door of Darkness through, Not one returns to tell us of the road Which to discover we must travel too.—Horace*

# The Aeneid of Virgil

Arms, and the man I sing, who, forc'd by fate,
And haughty Juno's unrelenting hate,
Expell'd and exil'd, left the Trojan shore.
Long labors, both by sea and land, he bore,
And in the doubtful war, before he won
The Latian realm, and built the destin'd town;
His banish'd gods restor'd to rites divine,
And settled sure succession in his line,
From whence the race of Alban fathers come,
And the long glories of majestic Rome.

O Muse! the causes and the crimes relate;
What goddess was provok'd, and whence her hate;
For what offense the Queen of Heav'n began
To persecute so brave, so just a man;
Involv'd his anxious life in endless cares,
Expos'd to wants, and hurried into wars!
Can heav'nly minds such high resentment show,
Or exercise their spite in human woe?

Against the Tiber's mouth, but far away,
An ancient town was seated on the sea;
A Tyrian colony; the people made
Stout for the war, and studious of their trade:
Carthage the name; belov'd by Juno more
Than her own Argos, or the Samian shore.
Here stood her chariot; here, if Heav'n were kind,
The seat of awful empire she design'd.
Yet she had heard an ancient rumor fly,
(Long cited by the people of the sky,)
That times to come should see the Trojan race
Her Carthage ruin, and her tow'rs deface;
Nor thus confin'd, the yoke of sov'reign sway
Should on the necks of all the nations lay.
She ponder'd this, and fear'd it was in fate;
Nor could forget the war she wag'd of late
For conqu'ring Greece against the Trojan state.
Besides, long causes working in her mind,
And secret seeds of envy, lay behind;
Deep graven in her heart the doom remain'd
Of partial Paris, and her form disdain'd;
The grace bestow'd on ravish'd Ganymed,
Electra's glories, and her injur'd bed.
Each was a cause alone; and all combin'd
To kindle vengeance in her haughty mind.

For this, far distant from the Latian coast
She drove the remnants of the Trojan host;
And sev'n long years th' unhappy wand'ring train
Were toss'd by storms, and scatter'd thro' the main.
Such time, such toil, requir'd the Roman name,
Such length of labor for so vast a frame.

Now scarce the Trojan fleet, with sails and oars,
Had left behind the fair Sicilian shores,
Ent'ring with cheerful shouts the wat'ry reign,
And plowing frothy furrows in the main;
When, lab'ring still with endless discontent,
The Queen of Heav'n did thus her fury vent:
"Then am I vanquish'd? must I yield?" said she,
"And must the Trojans reign in Italy?
So Fate will have it, and Jove adds his force;
Nor can my pow'r divert their happy course.
Could angry Pallas, with revengeful spleen,
The Grecian navy burn, and drown the men?
She, for the fault of one offending foe,
The bolts of Jove himself presum'd to throw:
With whirlwinds from beneath she toss'd the ship,
And bare expos'd the bosom of the deep;
Then, as an eagle gripes the trembling game,
The wretch, yet hissing with her father's flame,
She strongly seiz'd, and with a burning wound
Transfix'd, and naked, on a rock she bound.
But I, who walk in awful state above,
The majesty of heav'n, the sister wife of Jove,
For length of years my fruitless force employ
Against the thin remains of ruin'd Troy!
What nations now to Juno's pow'r will pray,
Or off'rings on my slighted altars lay?"

The beginning of Book I, *The Aeneid of Virgil*

# CHAMPIONS of al-Barran

Barony of al-Barran
Land's End, Stanley, NM
September 20-22, A.S. XXXVII (2002)
Site Opens: 4:00 pm Sept 20; closes 4:00 pm Sept 22
Site fee: FREE
The site is WET.

This year's event will be held at Land's End. This oasis will echo with the clash of blades and be graced by a thousand colors as Rome, the Eternal City, is visited on their Excellencies Progress. The site will open at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20th; the event is free with the complements of the Barony.

Friday evening will see a festival beyond compare as dancers of far lands sway to magical drums and gladiators meet in competition.

Saturday will dawn with tourneys galore, including: Baron's Champion, Baroness's Champion, Premier Blade and Protector of the Baroness's Heart.

The Evening's cool will be enjoyed by all at a Roman Banquet at which Lord Vladimir will prepare several delicacies provided by the Barony. All are encouraged to attend and bring a dish to share. As one should - while in Rome- all are encouraged to embrace Roman garb and food - any needing assistance in this endeavor should contact the autocrat. The Bardic to determine the Bard of al-Barran will be held at sundown near the banquet. AT SUNDOWN THERE IS A MORATORIUM ON ALL DRUMMING.

Sunday morning will see all brave fighters striving to win the Master Swordsman tourney. On Saturday and Sunday the Roman baths will hopefully be open if the lead cooperates - and regardless there will be several competitions of mind and body for those so inclined.

This site is lightly wooded and all should bring plenty of water and sunscreen. Portable shade is encouraged. All trees of the Empire are PROTECTED - no cutting or breaking of the Dryads. Pets must be on leash at all times. Fire restrictions will model that of the local citizens. Site closes at 4:00 pm.

**Directions:** Take I-40 east from Albuquerque to exit 196 at Moriarty. Go north on NM-41 for 12 miles. Turn right (east) on White Lakes Road, and go 4.5 miles. Turn left (north) on Rough Road and go 2 miles. Turn right (east) at the road (there will be a sign) and go 1 mile to Land's End.

Those with questions should contact the Autocrat THL Safia al-Sabia al-Zarqa (Sabia) at 896-3333 or thoon@da.state.nm.us

**Tentative Schedule**

Friday ---SITE OPENS at 4:00 pm
Mass revelry at central area - all at Baron and Baroness' discretion -- drumming and dancing are encouraged

Saturday ---NOTE TOURNEY PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT BARONIAL SHAFT SUBSCRIPTION
Court at Barony's discretion
9:30am Baron's Champion and Baroness's Champion tourneys to begin
11:30am Premiere Blade and Protector of the Baroness's Heart tourneys to begin
6:00pm Potluck Roman Banquet -- bring cushions and the like
Dusk Baronial Bardic begins
NO DRUMMING ALLOWED TILL BARONESS LIFTS MORATORIUM

Sunday
9:00am Master Swordsman Tourney
Rapier pickups
4:00pm SITE CLOSES - GO HOME

*Go on and increase in valor, O boy! This is the path to immortality.—Vergil*

## Rolling Thunder Drum Tourney & 25th Birthday Bash

Barony of al-Barran
Experimental Site, Tijeras, N.M. (Old Outlandish Site)
September 27-29 A.S. XXXVII (2002)
Site fees: $15 (includes Saturday night's feast), $5 day trippers;
1/2 price kids under 12; $30 family cap
The site is discreetly wet.

NO QUIET TIME

Please join us for fighting (heavy & light), drumming, dancing, feasting, archery, ax, knife & spear throw, the infamous grueling line tourney, and much revelry. The site is primitive, and discreetly wet. Water must be brought in and trash brought out. Fire restrictions will depend on the state of the forest at the time. Be prepared for a possible last minute site change.

**Directions:** From I-40 take the Tijeras/Highway 337 exit (Turn off 175). Travel south past the ranger station 1.2 miles to Chamisoso Canyon Rd (Forest Rd 4620). Turn left on dirt road and travel .8 miles to the troll.

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Person in charge of out of town accommodations: Petra, 505-265-3660, Petra@spinn.net
Person in charge of merchants: Sir Creon the Artisan, Joe Frey, 505-281-3270, drummernxs@aol.com

*Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.—Plato*

# The Muses

*KLIO*:- The Muse of History, was depicted as seated, wearing a laurel wreath and holding a half-open inscribed roll of parchment. Beside her stood a cylindrical box, full of more scrolls.

*MELPOMENE*:- The Muse of Tragedy, was shown as a serious, dignified figure, standing with her foot raised on a rock, and holding in her right hand an actor's mask, while in her left she gripped a small scroll, part in a play. She wore a long robe girt under her breast, and hanging in loose folds, and from this a mantle fell carelessly.

*THALIA*:- The Muse of Comedy and Burlesque, she stood clad in a robe or tunic, over which was a fringed mantle, thrown over her left shoulder, and wrapped around her legs, leaving her right arm free. In the hand of this right arm she carried a shepherd's crook, and in the other an actor's mask.

*KALIOPE*:- The Muse of Heroic Poems, she was represented as seated, holding a writing tablet and a stylus. She was looked on as the chief of the Muses.

*URANIA*:- The Muse of Astronomy, she was always seated beside a globe, holding a compass in one hand and pointing with the other, upwards towards the heavens.

*EUTERPE*:- The Muse of Music, depicted standing, playing on a double flute.

*POLYHYMNIA*:- The Muse of Song and Oratory, she was also considered as the inventor of myths, and for this reason was usually represented in an attitude of contemplation, with one finger raised to her lips.

*ERATO*:- The Muse of Love and Marriage Songs, usually depicted wearing a wreath, and playing on a large, many-stringed lyre.

*TERPSICHORE*:- The Muse of Dancing, was similarly represented to Erato, playing a lyre and dancing, wearing a wreath.

# A.S. XXXVII/2002

| Sunday | Monday | Tues |
|---|---|---|
| 1<br>Fighter & Rapier Practice<br>*Silver Pass VIII 8/30-9/2* | 2<br>*Silver Pass VIII 8/30-9/2* | |
| 8<br>Fighter & Rapier Practice | 9<br>Gammer Gurton's Needle<br>Period Acting | |
| 15<br>Fighter & Rapier Practice<br>*Outlands Crown Tournament* | 16<br>Gammer Gurton's Needle<br>Period Acting | C<br>M |
| 22<br>Fighter & Rapier Practice<br>*CHAMPIONS of al-Barran* | 23<br>Gammer Gurton's Needle<br>Period Acting | |
| 29<br>Fighter & Rapier Practice<br>*Rolling Thunder Drum Tourney* | 30<br>Gammer Gurton's Needle<br>Period Acting | |

*The personification of the fine arts by the Greeks, the nine Muses were said to be nymphs of the springs that splashed down the slopes of Mount Parnassos. Their mother was the Titan nymph Mnemosyne, and their father Zeus. The Muses generally lived around the summit of*

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| day | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 4<br>Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice | 5 | 6 | 7<br>Archery Practice |
| 10 | 11<br>Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice | 12<br>Heraldry Meeting<br>A&S K.E. & Workshops | 13 | 14<br>*Outlands Crown Tournament* |
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| | | *September 1 Labor Day*<br>*September 21 Full Moon*<br>*September 22 Fall Equinox* | | |

*Mount Helikon, Parnassos and Pindos, but they often visited Olympus, entertaining the gods and goddesses. They sometimes performed at weddings of auspicious note, such as that of Kadmos and Harmonia; and appeared once in a while at events of tragic sorrow, such as the death of Achilles. Their leader was Apollo, though they also accompanied Dionysos.*

# Fiesta De Caballos

Barony of al-Barron
October 5, A.S. XXXVII (2002)
Helen's Horse House, 17 Hobbs Rd,
Peralta, NM 87031
Site Opens: 8:00am,
Site Closes: 8:00pm
Site Fee: FREE
The Site is Bone Dry

Come one and all to the Fiesta de Caballos for a day full of all sorts of horse fun! The weather will be cool and inviting for a day of tournament, and learning. Bring your horses, your best barding and a desire to have fun. If you do not own a horse but still wish to participate we will have mounts available for you to try, and as always ground crew is always needed and very welcome. There will be activities for all levels of equestrians, from expert horsemen to those who are novices. This event will bedazzle the eye, so come, if for nothing else, to watch our Kingdom's valiant steeds in action.

A tentative schedule is as follows:
8:00 am Site opens
9:00 am Opening court
10:00 am Last minute authorizations
10:30 am Individual tournament & IKEq (aka: Heads, Pigs & Rings OH MY!)
12:30 pm 3-man team tournament
4:00 pm Closing court
Dusk til Dawn (or whenever Mistress Monica kicks us out) After revel.

There will be authorizing marshals on site if you absolutely need to be authorized that day. The Marshal's preference is for you to attempt to become authorized at the level at which you wish to compete before the event itself. You can do so at any equestrian practice (see the article on page 18 or in Regular Activities on page 19). There will be trailer parking space and overnight boarding for those who have traveled from afar. Please contact the autocrat if you wish to bring horses so we can make appropriate arrangements for day pens and/or overnight accommodations. Reservations for horses brought on site would be appreciated at least 1- 2 weeks in advance of the event. The cost for overnight boarding will be $12.00, this includes grass hay or alfalfa.

Sorry, though we have accommodations for our steeds there will be no on site camping for us human types. Crash space may be available, please contact the autocrat. We also ask that no pets be brought on site. The site is bone dry.

A tasty lunch will be made by the wonderful Mistress Monica Von Zell so bring your appetite as well.

**Directions**:
Go south on I-25 past Albuquerque and take exit 215, South 47/ Broadway. Veer left toward Isleta after the exit and you will be on 47 south. It is approximately 9 miles from exit 215 to Molina Rd., through the Isleta pueblo

and Bosque farms. You will pass North Bosque loop and then South Bosque loop, then there will be a large curve to the left, begin looking for school crossing signs. Immediately after the school crossing signs turn left on Molina. Continue on Molina, go past the large stop sign, and look for Hobbs St. on your right. Turn right on Hobbs go to the end of the road, turn right and you are there.

Event Autocrat : Lady Laurel O'Rourke, 3100 Vista Maravillosa NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 352-0548, Email: lelrick@msn.com
Equestrian Marshall in Charge: Lady Dubheasa (505)232-2608
Food Goddess: Mistress Monica Von Zell (505) 565-1267

## Saint Golias Silver Anniversary

College of Saint Golias
2 November AS XXXVII (2002)
Event Site: New Mexico Tech, 801 Leroy Pl., Socorro NM 87801
Feast site: Holiday Inn Express, 1100 California, Socorro NM 87801
Event site opens: 9:00 AM Closes: 5:00 PM
Feast site opens: 5:00 PM Closes: 10:00 PM
Event site is DRY
Feast site is WET
No pets

"Down the broad road do I run,
As the way of youth is;
Snare myself in sin, and ne'er
Think where faith and truth is;
Eager far for pleasure more
Than soul's health, the sooth is,
For this flesh of mine I care,
Seek not ruth where ruth is."

- *'The Confessions of Golias'*
Written by the Archpoet (c. 1130 - 1165)

Unto the populace of the Kingdom of the Outlands, Greetings!

In AS XII, Cyot, Sieur de Carnac founded the College of Saint Golias. On November 2nd, we are celebrating our twenty-fifth year as the Premier College of the Outlands. In honor of our twenty-fifth year as a group, we will be passing out sterling silver site tokens.

There will be the Defender of Saint Golias tourney (heavy weapon) and the Blade of Golias tourney (light weapon). For both fighters and non-fighters there will be games throughout the day. There will be several rooms available for classes or A&S displays.

Following the activities of the day, we will retire to the convention center of the Holiday Inn Express (where the Queen's Prize Tourney was held this year) for Court, followed by a feast that will be prepared by Mistress Richenza le Wydu and Mistress Monika von Zell.

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Rumor has it that Torcailmada, Vicar General of the Scottish Inquistion and the Once And Future Abbot of the Moth Eaten Order of Saint Golias will be inebriating new Brothers of the Moth Eaten Order sometime during the festivities of the evening.

The event site at NM Tech opens at 9:00 AM. List for both tourneys open at 9:00 AM and will close at 11:00 AM. Tourneys will begin at noon. The event site is DRY.

The feast site at Holiday Inn Express opens at 5:00 PM and will close at 10:00 PM. Reservations are needed for the feast and are limited to 120 persons. The feast site is WET.

Please see the event announcement in the November OH for more information on the feast, games, and fees.

Autocrat: THL Torcail Gilleghaolain, Tony Perreault, 1003 Monte Vista, Socorro NM 87801, Phone: (505) 835-1632 E-mail: tperreau@nrao.edu

Feast Coordinator: Mistress Richenza le Wydu, Caroline Kearns, PO Box 42, Glenwood, NM 88039, Phone: (505) 539-2310 E-mail: richenzalewydu@hotmail.com
Please contact with any food allergies or concerns!

**Reservations:** Feast reservations limited to 120. Please make reservations by October 25, 2002. Contact Autocrat to make reservations.

## Saint Martin's Day Tournament III

Barony of al-Barran
November 16, 2002
Jeanne Bellamah Park
Site Opens 10am

To the good people of the Barony of al-Barran and to all others who read this letter, the Knights and Ladies of the Company of Saint Martin send warm greetings and invitations to all:

The Company of Saint Martin will host its third, late fifteenth century style prize tournament, in order to raise money for the Outland's war effort. Our Patroness, the Baroness of al-Barran, shall award all of the special prizes. The Company shall accept all challenges and do battle with all challengers of the day. The last two years the fighting has been glorious and honorable and this year should be no different.

His Excellency, the Baron al-Barran, Sir Raymond the Quiet, has decided to come out of retirement to fight with Saint Martin's. He will accept only four challenges and those will be with whomever is the highest bidder.

The style of the tournament shall be single combat to three solid blows. Some rounds will make use of a barrier. Each entrant in the lists shall purchase as many challenge fights as they wish. The fighter will then inform the herald

which Knight or Lady of the Company of Saint Martin they wish to face in honorable combat. Once the Herald has issued the challenge the fight shall begin using standard Outlands fighting conventions until one of the opponents had acknowledged three solid blows. The blows may be to any standard target, thus two leg blows and one head blow, on one of the opponents would end the fight. Once the bout is over the participants shall exit the field and Her Excellency, The Right Honorable Baroness of al-Barran shall determine the winner of the fight, basing their decision of the courtesy, chivalry and fighting prowess of the two contestants.

Each of the members of the Company shall provide a fine prize for the tournament. (Thus there shall be at least 11 prizes in all) Her Excellency, Lady Fermina and her Ladies-in-Waiting shall determine the overall victor of the Tournament. They will then award the prizes to the combatants as they see fit.
So come bring all your weapons and your dollars in order to do battle to gain honor and renown. Show off your courtesy and your fighting prowess before the Baroness and the Ladies of al-Barran. Come test your skill against the Company of Saint Martin.

The tournament will be held November 16th, 2002 at Jeanne Bellamah park (the fighter practice park) in the Barony of al-Barran, sign up starting at 10:00 am. (This is the day before Toys for Tots) It might be a little cold so please dress accordingly.

If you have any questions please contact the event coordinator:
Sir Artan Mac Ailin c/o Jeff Cunico 1304 Kentucky NE, Alb NM 87110 (505) 256-4568 Jcunico@global-works.com

## Masked Ball

Barony of al-Barran
November 16, A.S. XXXVII(2002)
Site to be announced
Site opens at 11am; closes at 11pm
Site fee: $7.00 or $5.00 with Toys for Tots new toy
Checks payable to SCA-al-Barran
Site is dry

***IT'S A COME AS YOU'RE NOT PARTY***

So break out of your normal style and try something new. All you early period folks get lacy and go late period; late period now is the time to go early period. Or if you prefer to dress as one of the members of the populace, remember imitation is the greatest form of flattery.

We will have a spectacular feast prepared by Lady Divina Stargazer, the menu still to be decided.

Dancing will be plentiful with Lady Isabella leading us.

**Autocrat** Lady Dalia d'Auria 203-3055
**Co Autocrat** Lady Tessa Elizabeth de Strathairn 203-3044
**Reservations** –contact Lady Dalia- (505) 203-3055, 2800 Lexington Place NE #125, Albuquerque, NM 87112; email: dwagner@mercury.bernco.gov

# AL-BARRAN TOYS FOR TOTS

## The Challenge for the Sword!

Barony of al-Barran
November 17, A.S. XXXVII (2002)
Jeanne Bellamah Park, Albuquerque, NM.
Site opens 10 AM
The Event is Free
The site is DRY

November: the days are shorter, and winter is approaching. It is time again for Toys for Tots, and al-Barran is ready for The Challenge for the Sword!

Every year al-Barran collects hundreds of toys for under-privileged children. Let's bring joy to as many children as possible this year!

It is not too early to start planning for your toy collection. Talk to your employers about putting out a box at work. Do it now before the Christmas rush. Your employer may go with another charity if you wait too long.

Prizes will be given out to the individuals who bring in the most toys. There will also be a competition for the household, or group, that collects the most toys for our barony. Are you up for these challenges? Details will be described in future articles.

Caerthe took al-Barran's s Sword last year by beating us in the toy challenge. We held on to The Sword since the first challenge was made years ago. We aren't going to let them do it again. Additionally, the Outlands has now challenged other Kingdoms. Let's have al-Barran lead our Kingdom into a KNOWN WORLD VICTORY!

In order for toys to count in any of these challenges, you must initiate the collection yourself. If you belong to a company or organization that already had a Christmas toy charity before you approached them about the idea, you can not count those toys. Also, you can only represent one household or group in the household challenge. Contact me if you have any questions.

We will be having a few demos before the November event. Please contact me before doing any Toys for Tots demo. Remember that any baronial demo must also be approved by the baronial Hospitaller and Seneschal. Keep a look out for the Scorpion's Hockey game demo. We hope to do this one again this year!

On November 17th, we will have the al-Barran Toys for Tots event. All toys must be donated by this date in order to be counted. We will have heavy and light weapons tournaments at the event, the Scorpion in Any Medium art competition, and other festivities. Come support your barony, and donate as many toys as possible. LET US REGAIN THE SWORD!

**Autocrat**: Ld. Cristobal Vasquez de Narriahondo (Robert Baca), 1309 Canyon Trail SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, 505-839-7302, abqbobcat@aol.com.

# al-Barran Midwinter & War Practice

Barony of al-Barran
December 21-22, A.S.XXXVII (2002)
Feast Site: NM State Fair Grounds,
Leon Harms Youth Hall, Albuquerque, NM
Remember to tell the gate guard that you are with the SCA.
Site Opens: 11am; Site Closes: 11pm
War Practice Site: Jeanne Bellamah Park
Site Opens: 10am; Site Closes: 4pm
Site Fees: Feast: - Site only $10 (no off-board seating is available) - Site and Feast $15 - Children 7 and under Site and Feast $8 - Make checks payable to SCA - al-Barran
Alcohol Status: As with years past, alcohol must be purchased from the bar and consumed inside of the hall.

Come one, come all to al-Barran's Midwinter! Enjoy the atmosphere of our Middle Eastern Bazaar while feasting on delicacies from distant lands, enjoying exotic entertainment, surveying the works of our Kingdom's artisans, and sampling the beverages in our English Pub.

If you wish to dive into the experience and take your feast seated on the floor, Sultan style, please pre-register (and pre-pay) to reserve your space. The table will be provided but bring your own cushions for comfort and table decorations for atmosphere.

The proposed schedule, subject to change:

Midwinter Feast

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| 11:00am | Site opens |
| TBA | Opening court |
| 3:00am | Feast starts |
| TBA | Closing court |
| 10:00pm | Lights on |
| 11:00pm | Site closes |

War Practice is at Jeanne Bellamah Park on Sunday, beginning at 10am until all our foes have been vanquished and there are new stories to tell.

Our delicious feast menu is still being decided but it all sounds good! Please contact our Feast Coordinator with any dietary restrictions.

Are you interested in merchanting or displaying your Middle Eastern related items or skills at our bazaar? If so, space is available on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Baroness Emma for further information.

If you have any questions please visit our website: **www.unm.edu/~kballar/midwinter/main.html** or contact one of the autocrats directly.

**Directions to sites:** *Feast:* From I-25, take the Lomas exit and go East to San Pedro. Turn right (South) on San Pedro to gate 4 of the NM State Fair-

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grounds. Turn left at the gate and you will take your first left and proceed to the big pink building at the end of the road.
*War Practice:* From I-40, take the Eubank exit (#165) and go North to Lomas. Turn right (East) on Lomas to Tomasita. Turn left (North) on Tomasita. The park will be on your right and we will be in the South-East corner.

Contact information for Autocrat(s):
Baroness Emma of Essex, 505-730-1967, baroness_e@yahoo.com
THL Tana a le Espirit Forte, 505-265-3142, thltana@aol.com
Ld Ryan Brunloc, 505-265-3142, brunlocr@aol.com

Feast Autocrat: THL Morris O'Fiach, 505-474-4292
Reservations address: SCA - al-Barran – Midwinter, PO Box 27676, Albuquerque, NM 87125
Make checks payable to SCA - al-Barran and please note if you are requesting on-floor seating.

## Get the look, where to find ideas for Middle Eastern costume

As I mentioned in the previous article, the _look_ of Middle East costume covers a very broad area and timeframe. However, the good news is that fashions changed even more gradually in the Middle East than did those of Europe. So although not suitable for arts pentathlon documentation, you may use images out of period to get an idea of what people wore. Just keep in mind that if it looks modern it is.

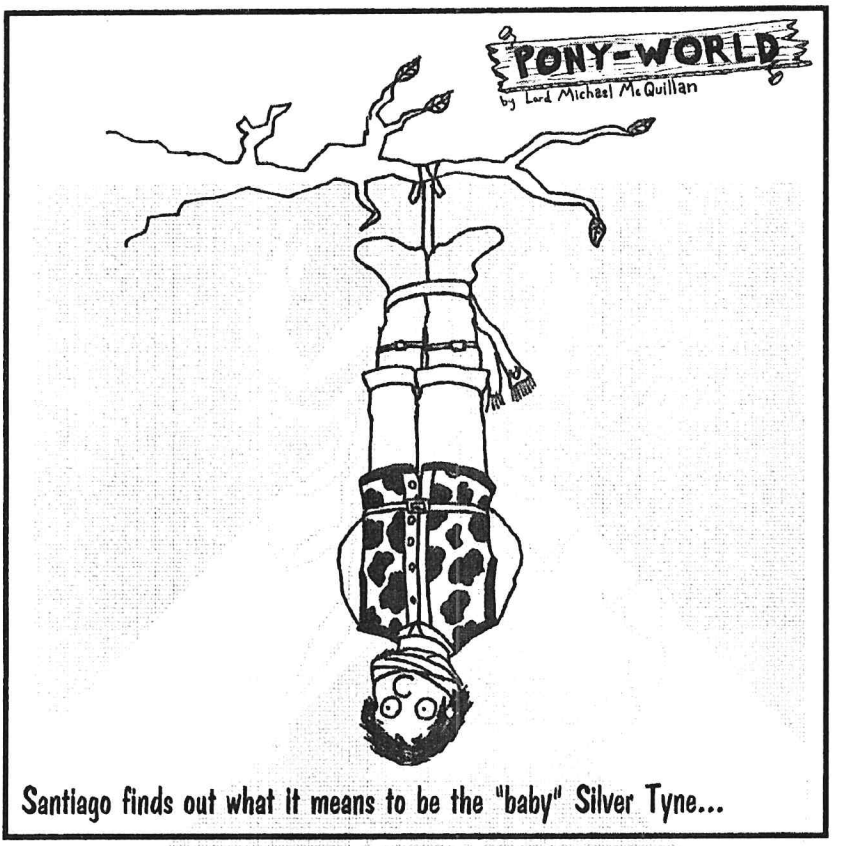
The first and best place to start is your local library; costume books, art books and take a look at those big glossy books on cites, often they will have some very worthwhile images. Go see the reference librarian, they love fun questions like. I am looking for information on ****** costuming in the fourteenth century.

Rent a movie, even one with very bad costumes can help you get in the mood and also show you that you really don't want to use gold lame after all. Good choices for overall look, though out of period: The wind and the lion 1975; The man who would be king 1975; The Far Pavilions (mini series) 1984; Recent Mummy pictures; Ali Baba or Aladdin anything (brace yourself first); biblical pictures; The Thief of Baghdad 1924; Go to a Middle Eastern or East Indian shop and rent some costume moves.

The Internet has a number of costume sites, some very good, with images and patterns.
Max Tilke's book on Middle Eastern Costume online:
http://www.indiana.edu/~librcsd/etext/tilke/

Various sources gathered:
http://users.aol.com/nebula5/tcpinfo3.html#folk
http://witch.drak.net/lilinah/links-ME-costume.html
http://www.costumes.org/pages/ethnolnk.htm#Middle%20East

Costumes of the Levant by Keatinge, funny photos, but a good glossary of




costume terms:
http://almashriq.hiof.no/general/600.technology/640/646/costumes_of_the_Levant/

Palestine costume archive, downright yummy photos:
http://www.palestinecostumearchive.org/

Modern Muslim Women's Costume. Some of the images are a tad bleak:
http://www.geocities.com/thetropics/resort/2389/

Here is something for your mount:
http://www.desertstore.com/For-Sale-Directory/Arabian-Horse-Native-Costumes.html

That should get you started, next month we will start on patterning basic garments.

In Service to al-Barran
Mistress Celine Jeanne de Hermain
Questions? Call 323-7965 or email celine@swcp.com

# Gammer Gurton's Needle

MISTRESSES ELENFEA AND CELINE TO TEACH DRESS FORM CLASSES

Gammer Gurton's Needle will meet in September at Mistress Elenfea's house. **Please note:** We will skip the holiday and begin September 9th. We will have two special classes this month. Mistress Celine will teach her class on using an old T-shirt and a lot of duct tape to create your own personal body form. This class will be taught Monday, Sept. 9th at 7 pm. Bring an old T-shirt and duct tape. The rest of the month, Mistress Elenfea will teach a longer class on using a dress form to and making a padded shell in your exact form and size. She says, "Most bought dress forms simply cannot be made one's exact shape, but we can make a nice sturdy muslin shell that is wonderful for draping and fitting patterns, etc." You will need to have a tailor's dress form. Directions to Elenfea's house are: Go to Paseo del Norte and Louisiana, turn north on Louisiana. The second left (first paved left) is Carmel, go west (left) on Carmel until it ends in a "T" (two blocks) at San Gavilon. Turn north (right), the second house on the right is 8304 San Gavilon (two story house, wide driveway). Her phone is 822-0002. In October, we plan to have the needlepoint pouch class taught by Lady Margaret, which was previously scheduled for this month.

Gammer Gurton's Needle meets Monday evenings at 7 pm and we do not meet in garb. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or the Honorable Lady Delia the Rose of Thorncastle.

Website: **http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/**.

*"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.*

# Court Dancing Article

For September Court Dance practices, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 for which Sundays in September, the times are 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park). Everyone, ages 7 and up are welcome.

# Equestrian Practice for both al-Barran and Drygestan

Practice will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm and on the third Saturday of each month starting at 11:00 am. The following dates have been set aside for practice. *Please call Lady Dubheasa at 232-2608 for directions to the site.*

2002
September: 5th, 7th, 19th, & 28th.
October: 3rd, 17th, & 26th.
November: 2nd & 16th.

2003
January: 4th & 15th.
February: 1st & 22nd.

# Regular Activities

**Fighter Practice**
Sundays, 11am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord Mordygan 286-0870*

**Rapier Practice**
Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

**Archery Practice**
1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist by email at archery@al-barran.org*

**Citizens Meeting**
3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 110 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Stjerne 861-2907*

**Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting**
The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 pm, at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 1223 Fruit St NW, Albuquerque. *Contact: THL Pendar 866-4369 for additional information and for directions call Alia or Cathyn at 244-9525.*

**Court Dance Practice**
For September Court Dance practice dates, please contact Lady Barbara 293-7453 for which Sundays in September, times are 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park) Everyone, ages 7 and up are welcome. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453 for dates of practice.*

**Equestrian Practice for both al-Barran and Drygestan**
Practice will be held on the first and third Thursday from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm and on the third Saturday starting at 11:00 am. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months. In 2002 September: 5th, 7th, 19th, and 28th. October: 3rd, 17th, and 26th. November: 2nd and 16th. December: 7th, 21st, and 28th. In 2003 January: 4th and 15th. February: 1st and 22nd. *Please call Lady Dubheasa at 232-2608 for directions to the site.*

**Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice**
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Fighter Practice is in front of Carlisle Gym at UNM. Gear may be dropped off in the front but parking is at the meters, visitors lots or across Central Ave. Valid UNM permit parkers may use lot West of Carlisle Gym. *Contact: Gauvain Eisenbein 890-1152 or gauvain_eisenbein@yahoo.com.*

**Gammer Gurton's Needle**
The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

**Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops**
Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Scia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

**Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops**
The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

**Blaiddwyn Project Conclave**
Come and join Blaiddwyn College in the lounge of Dane Smith Hall to show off your latest projects or pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. Garb is requested but not required, as is a food contribution. *Contact: Gauvain Eisenbein 890-1152 or gauvain_eisenbein@yahoo.com for dates and times.*

**The Baronial Shaft**
**P.O. Box 27676**
**Albuquerque, NM 87125**

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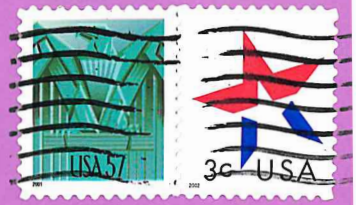


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*Naturam expellas furca, tamen usque recurret.—Horace*